

**CITY OF LEWISTON**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

**REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 6:00 P.M.**

THE HONORABLE KRISTEN S. CLOUTIER, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Mayor Cloutier, Councilors Lysen, Pettengill, Lajoie, Beam and Marcotte, City Administrator Edward Barrett and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo. Absent/Excused: Councilor Rea. Note: Under the City Charter, in the absence of a City Councilor, the Mayor may cast a vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VOTE (206-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Beam:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405 (6) (c) to discuss an Economic Development issue of which the premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive bargaining position of the City. Passed - Vote 6-0

Executive Session began at 6:00pm and ended at 6:19pm.

**VOTE (207-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Marcotte:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter. Passed - Vote 6-0

Executive Session began at 6:20pm and ended at 6:30pm.

**VOTE (208-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Beam:

To enter into an Executive Session, pursuant to MRSA, Title 1, Section 405 (6) (C), to discuss Disposition of Property, of which the premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive bargaining position of the City. Passed - Vote 6-0

Executive Session began at 6:30 pm and ended at 6:45pm.

Regular session began at 7:00pm

THE HONORABLE KRISTEN S. CLOUTIER, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Mayor Cloutier, Councilors Lysen, Pettengill, Rea, Lajoie, Beam and Marcotte, City Administrator Edward Barrett and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The All Star Little League Players baseball team were unable to attend the meeting tonight to receive their certificates of congratulations for their recent championship participation, so their recognition presentation will be rescheduled for another date.

**VOTE (209-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Beam, seconded by Councilor Lysen:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meetings of July 16 and August 13, 2019 and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 6-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

A gentleman addressed the Council and noted he is a licensed grower and caregiver for medical marijuana. His business is currently located in Auburn but he would like to relocate to a 50,000 sq foot mill property in Lewiston. However, there are set back limitations regarding school zones that are making it difficult. He requested the Council review the city ordinances on marijuana and create separate requirements for cultivation vs. sales. He noted the grow operations have high security requirements in place already.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR A NEW LIQUOR LICENSE AND SPECIAL AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR SEA 40, INC., 40 EAST AVENUE**

Mayor Cloutier opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (210-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Marcotte:

To authorize the City Clerk's Office to approve a new liquor license application and special amusement permit for Sea 40, Inc., 40 East Avenue. Passed - Vote 6-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT OF FAST BREAKS, 1465 LISBON STREET**

Mayor Cloutier opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (211-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To grant a Special Amusement Permit for live entertainment to Fast Breaks, 1465 Lisbon Street. Passed – Vote 6-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FROM DANA’S GARAGE, 193 CROWLEY ROAD, FOR AN AUTOMOBILE GRAVEYARD/JUNKYARD PERMIT**

Mayor Cloutier opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (212-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Beam, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To grant an Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard permit to Dana’s Garage, 193 Crowley Road, subject to the condition that no more than 1,000 tires may be stored on the property.

Passed - Vote 6-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FROM MAINE HEAVY EQUIPMENT, 1445 SABATTUS STREET, FOR AN AUTOMOBILE GRAVEYARD/JUNKYARD PERMIT**

Mayor Cloutier opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (213-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To grant an Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard permit to Maine Heavy Equipment, 1445 Sabattus Street. Passed - Vote 6-0

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN APPLICATION FROM GRIMMEL’S INDUSTRIES, 50 RIVER ROAD, FOR AN AUTOMOBILE GRAVEYARD/JUNKYARD PERMIT**

Mayor Cloutier opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (214-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Beam, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To grant an Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard permit to Grimmel’s Industries, 50 River Road, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The hours of operation shall be limited to 7:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Saturday
- 2) Maintain screening from the Maine Turnpike

Passed - Vote 6-0

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN APPLICATION FOR THE LEWISTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 424-482 RIVER ROAD, FOR AN AUTOMOBILE GRAVEYARD/JUNKYARD PERMIT**

Mayor Cloutier opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (215-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To grant an Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard permit to the Lewiston Public Works Department, 424-482 River Road. Passed – Vote 6-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FROM REENERGY LEWISTON, LLC,  
38 ALFRED A. PLOURDE PARKWAY, FOR AN AUTOMOBILE  
GRAVEYARD/JUNKYARD PERMIT**

Mayor Cloutier opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (216-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Beam:

To grant an Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard permit to ReEnergy Lewiston, LLC, 38 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway, subject to the below conditions:

1. Permit is granted for storage of construction and demolition debris (CDD), wood waste (includes demolition debris) and oversized bulky waste (OBW). CDD and OBW will consist of wood waste, sheetrock, insulation, metal, wire, aggregate products, dirt, sand, furniture, rugs, plastics, roofing materials, cardboard and any other large burnable household goods. Unacceptable materials are units containing CFC's, universal waste, municipal solid waste (MSW), hazardous materials, asbestos, and medical waste.
2. All wood waste and OBW which is to be placed in storage shall be piled no higher than 30'.
3. The width and length of the piles will be sized as indicated on the plan view of the back yard, but shall be no wider than 90' and no longer than 150'.
4. There shall be no more than nine (9) piles of wood waste and OBW at any time. OBW will not exceed two (2) piles.
5. Access rows or fire lanes shall be maintained between piles with a minimum distance of 30' between piles.
6. The main entrance roadway must be kept at a minimum of 24' of travel way at all times.
7. An additional access road or fire lane shall be maintained from Alfred A. Plourde Parkway at a minimum width of 20' to the storage area at all times.
8. All roads and fire lanes on the facility shall be of all weather surface adequately constructed to support fire apparatus likely to be operated on site at all times.
9. All storage pile locations shall be properly identified by the placement of a pole at the corner of the pile. A mark shall be placed at a height of 30' on the pole.
10. The site shall be designated no smoking throughout except office areas and control room. A no smoking sign shall be placed at the entrance to the facility.

11. Training of employees shall be provided on the use of fire protection equipment and fire reporting procedures on an annual basis.
12. ReEnergy Lewiston, LLC shall conduct a self-inspection of their activities and inspections shall be conducted on a weekly basis. Records of inspections shall be kept on site for Fire Prevention Bureau review when requested.
13. Pine trees shall be planted along the perimeter to provide a buffer and dead and/or missing trees shall be replaced promptly.
14. That the processing of pressure treated wood be done in full compliance with the EPA & DEP regulations.
15. An effective visual screen at least six feet in height shall be located and maintained around all sides of the area where junk is located such that these areas are entirely screened from ordinary view from all directly abutting properties and public ways at all times. The existing ‘wood and pole’ fence that was adjacent to 32 Plourde Parkway will be replaced with a ‘screen-mesh and pole’ fence of similar length and height. This new fence shall be properly maintained at all times, including the replacement of the ‘screen-mesh and pole’ should the material degrade such that an effective visual screen is no longer provided. Given that the proposed screening material represents a non-standard design with limited history on its performance, the City reserves the right to evaluate the screening integrity of the fence bi-annually and if it is determined that it no longer meets the requirements of the City Code of Ordinances, Article XII, Section 22-75(c) (1) and (2) and MRSA Title 30-A §3754-A it will need to be replaced.

Passed - Vote 6-0

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 54 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES – PARKS AND RECREATION – PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN CITY PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND ATHLETIC FIELDS**

Mayor Cloutier opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing. Lynnea Hawkins of Maple Street spoke against this ban saying there are limited places for people to smoke and it should be allowed in Kennedy Park. She also questioned the ability to enforce this ordinance if passed. David Dube of 95 Cumberland Avenue said smoking is unhealthy and unsightly and should not be allowed in areas where children frequent such as parks, playgrounds and athletic fields. It was noted that second hand smoke is a public health risk. Mary from Healthy Androscoggin said they are funding signage to make people aware if the ordinance passes. The Council received a letter of support for the ordinance from the Lewiston Area Public Health Committee.

**VOTE (217-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Marcotte, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To approve first passage of the Ordinance, Amending Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances – Parks and Recreation – Prohibiting the Use of Tobacco Products in City Parks, Playgrounds, and Athletic Fields and to continue the public hearing for final passage to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Passed - Vote 6-0

**ORDINANCE, AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ANIMALS, ARTICLE IX, PUBLIC LANDS, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS: CONTROL OR PROHIBITION OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS – CLARIFYING AREAS WHERE LEASHES ARE REQUIRED AND**

**WHERE DOMESTIC ANIMALS ARE PROHIBITED**

Mayor Cloutier opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (218-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To approve first passage of the amendment to Chapter 14, Animals, Article IX, Public Lands, Parks and Playgrounds: Control or Prohibition of Domestic Animals – Clarifying areas where leases are required and where domestic animals are prohibited and to continue the public hearing for final passage to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Passed - Vote 6-0

**ORDINANCE, ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE VI TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES – REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR MULTI-FAMILY BUILDINGS**

Mayor Cloutier opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (219-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To approve the first passage of the Ordinance, Adopting a New Chapter 18, Article VI to the Code of Ordinances – Registration Requirement for Multi-Family Buildings and to continue the public hearing to the next regular City Council meeting. Passed - Vote 6-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL PASSAGE TO CONTRACTUALLY REZONE THE PROPERTY AT 183 MERRILL ROAD REAR FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT BULK AND SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR FRONTAGE AND BUILDING HEIGHT**

Mayor Cloutier opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (220-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To approve Final Passage of the amendment to the Zoning and Land Use Code and Map to contractually rezone the property at 183 Merrill Road Rear for Medium Density Residential District Bulk and Space Requirements for frontage and building height, subject to a contractual agreement. Passed - Vote 6-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE POLICY FOR ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION OF ELIGIBILITY AMOUNTS**

Mayor Cloutier opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (221-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Beam:

That the maximum amounts allowed for general assistance and the maximum amounts allowed for food, housing, personal/household supplies, and utilities in the General Assistance Policy, for persons eligible to receive assistance in accordance with the standards of eligibility, be adopted as presented, in accordance with HUD guidelines and the current Thrifty Food Plan, and be effective as of October 1, 2019. Passed - Vote 6-0

**ORDER, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,830,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE CITY'S PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS SERIES A DATED MAY 17, 2011, AND TO PAY ANY REDEMPTION PREMIUMS THEREON AND COSTS OF ISSUANCE**

Mayor Cloutier opened the hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

**VOTE (222-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Marcotte, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To approve the Order, Authorizing the issuance of Refunding Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,830,000 for the purpose of refunding the City's Public Improvement Bonds Series A dated May 17, 2011, and to pay any redemption premiums thereon and costs of issuance:

Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, that the Mayor and the City Treasurer are authorized to issue refunding bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,830,000 in order to refund all or part of the principal of and interest on the City's General Obligation Bonds Series A dated May 17, 2011, with a par value of approximately \$3,750,000 and to pay any redemption premiums thereon and the costs of issuance;

Be It Further Ordered, that the City Council instruct the Finance Director to advertise for bids for the bonds or negotiate the sale of bonds with any qualified purchaser; to award the loan; and to employ Locke Lord LLP to furnish the legal opinion for the same;

Be It Further Ordered, that the bonds shall be signed by the City Treasurer and Mayor;

Be It Further Ordered, that the date, maturities, denominations, interest rate or rates, place or places of payment, form or other details of the bonds and of the provisions for the sale thereof shall be determined by the Finance Director; and

Be It Further Ordered, that the bonds hereunder may be subject to call for redemption or refunded on such terms as may be determined by the Finance Director.

Passed - Vote 6-0

**RESOLVE, ADOPTING A CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSFORMATION PLAN FOR DOWNTOWN LEWISTON: GROWING OUR TREE STREETS**

Misty Parker, Economic Development specialist for the City, stated this plan represents one and one half years of work after the city received a federal grant in 2018 to address distressed housing. School Superintendent Todd Finn spoke in support of this plan and said it ties in well with their goal of achieving a 90% graduation rate by 2022. School Committee Chairman Mark Cayer also noted the support from the school. Maggie Dunston said this is a transformative plan but it should apply to the entire city and not just the downtown area, noting it is important to invest in the entire community. Luke Jensen, 89 Shawmut St, said there is great momentum in Lewiston now. Sayfia Khalid of Main St said she grew up in the tree streets where there are unsafe and homes with lead paint and she supported the plan to clean up the housing downtown. Jenn Hogan, CEO of Community Credit Union, said this is a huge step in the right direction to create healthy neighborhoods. Craig Saddlemire of Maple Street said he is very proud of the plan and the process to create it was transparent and involved hundreds of residents. Shanna Cox of 119 Ash Street said the plan is a vision for the neighborhood and provides safe, healthy home options.

**VOTE (223-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Lysen:

To approve the Resolve, Adopting a Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan for Downtown Lewiston: Growing Our Tree Streets:

Whereas, the City of Lewiston and its co-grantee Community Concepts, Inc were awarded in 2018 a Choice Neighborhood Planning and Action Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

Whereas, the Choice Neighborhoods program leverages significant public and private dollars to support locally driven strategies that address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation focused in the areas of neighborhood, housing and people.

Whereas, Lewiston’s Choice Neighborhood encompasses the boundaries of Census Tracts 201, 203 & 204; and

Whereas, within Lewiston’s Choice Neighborhood the Plan targets the Tree Streets Neighborhood; an area demonstrating elevated rates of economic disparity, health, education, and housing related concerns relative to the City and County; and

Whereas, the City worked with a planning consultant and market analyst to develop the plan and engage over 400 residents in the planning process, including forums, meetings, and workshops; and

Whereas, the draft plan was presented to City Council June 25, 2019 and public comments were requested through July 25, 2019; and

Whereas, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has accepted the draft plan deliverable;



Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that A Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan for Downtown Lewiston, “Growing Our Tree Streets” is hereby approved and adopted.

Be it Further Resolved that the City Council hereby expresses its appreciation to all partners and residents who participated in the creation of this plan and to their continued commitment to transforming the Tree Streets Neighborhood. Without an unprecedented level of commitment to the work, this plan would not have been possible.

Passed - Vote 6-0

**RESOLVE, TRANSFERRING FUNDING FOR THE ADAMS AVENUE RETAINING WALL PROJECT TO A NEW PROJECT TO REPLACE THE SIDEWALKS AROUND AND NEAR CITY HALL**

**VOTE (224-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Lysen:

To approve the Resolve, Transferring Funding for the Adams Avenue Retaining Wall Project to a new project to replace the sidewalks around and near City Hall:

Whereas, sidewalks adjacent to City Hall are composed of bricks and granite blocks, many of which have deteriorated or been impacted by the growth of tree roots; and

Whereas, areas of the sidewalk have received temporary repairs or are now blocked off or marked in an effort to avoid hazardous situations; and

Whereas, given the number of visitors who come to City Hall and the potential trip and fall hazard, these sidewalks should be replaced; and

Whereas, in May of this year, the City Council appropriated \$150,000 from the City’s fund balance to repair/replace a retaining wall of Adams Avenue; and

Whereas, the Public Works department has performed interim repair work on this retaining wall that should allow it to continue to function for several years; and

Whereas, given the issues with the sidewalks at City Hall, it is appropriate to transfer these funds to allow for replacing the sidewalks around and near City Hall.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the amount of \$150,000 is hereby transferred from account 4331-457000 to an account to be determined by the Finance Director for the purpose of replacing deteriorated sidewalks around and near City Hall.

Passed - Vote 6-0

**RESOLVE, APPROPRIATING \$110,000 FROM AVAILABLE FY17 BOND PREMIUM FUNDS TO THE MIDDLE/BLAKE/MAIN/OAK UTILITY AND THE SECOND RIVER CROSSING TRANSMISSION MAIN DESIGN PROJECTS**

**VOTE (225-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Marcotte, seconded by Councilor Lysen:

To approve the Resolve, Appropriating \$110,000 from available FY17 Bond Premium Funds to the Middle/Blake/Main/Oak Utility and the Second River Crossing Transmission Main Design Projects:

Whereas, the Middle/Blake/Main/Oak Utility Project came in over budget, requiring eliminating two city blocks from the contract and reducing available contingency funding; and

Whereas, utility work in a downtown setting presents numerous unknowns that require field changes once encountered; and

Whereas, \$9,950 is required for two traffic signal cameras to replace broken in-ground traffic signal detector loops; \$40,000 for inspection services resulting from recent engineering staff turnover; and \$20,000 in contingency funding for extra water materials and minor field design changes; and

Whereas, in February 2019, \$37,952 was transferred from the Transmission Main River Crossing Design Project to allow for completing the design of the North Temple Street project so that a portion of this project could be completed during school summer break; and

Whereas, at that time, Engineering estimated that final river crossing design could be completed within the remaining River Crossing funding; and

Whereas, due to the complexity of environmental permitting required for the River Crossing, additional funding in the amount of \$40,000 will be required to complete this design project; and

Whereas, adequate funds are available to cover the costs of these projects from the bond premium the City received as a result of the FY17 bond sale;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$110,000 from the FY17 bond premium as follows: \$40,000 to the Water Transmission Line River Crossing Design project and \$70,000 to the Middle/Blake/Main/Oak utility replacement project.

Passed - Vote 6-0

**ORDER, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GENDRON CORP. AND THE CITY OF LEWISTON FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW WATER LINE AND RESURFACING OF MEMORIAL AVENUE FROM MAIN STREET TO END OF EXISTING PAVING AND AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR THE CITY'S PORTION OF THIS WORK**

**VOTE (226-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To approve the Order, Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding Between Gendron Corporation and the City of Lewiston for Installation of New Water Line and Resurfacing of Memorial Avenue from Main Street to end of existing paving and authorizing funding for the City’s portion of this work:

Whereas, Murphy Homes is in the process of constructing a new school on property accessed via Memorial Drive; and

Whereas, Gendron Corporation, a contractor on the project, has proposed to share with the City the cost of replace the existing water line located in Memorial Avenue and to reconstruct the street; and

Whereas, the City is being asked to supply the needed water line materials at an estimated cost of \$16,598.96, to pave the street once reconstruction is completed at a cost of \$28,894, and to accept a new turnaround that Gendron will build at the end of the street; and

Whereas, absent this agreement, the City would eventually need to both replace the waterline and upgrade the street at an estimated total additional cost of \$65,917;.

Now, therefore, be it ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that The City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding Between Gendron Corp. and the City of Lewiston for Installation of New Water Line and Resurfacing of Memorial Ave from Main Street to End of Existing Paving, in a form substantially as attached hereto.

Be it Further ordered, that funding for the street paving portion of the agreement shall come from the FY2020 street maintenance program and funding for the waterline replacement will be funded through appropriation of the required amounts from the 2017 Bond Premium, which are hereby appropriated in the amount of \$16,599 for that purpose.

Passed - Vote 6-0

**REPORTS AND UPDATES**

Notification of appointments to the Recycling and Waste Reduction Committee: The Mayor reported that she recently appointed the following residents to serve on this new committee – John Farina, Julie McCabe, Sean Monteith, Joshua Nagine, Helen Price-Wharff and Paul Robinson.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilor Marcotte heard recently from a resident regarding the mil rate in Lewiston. He noted he has three tax bills from three different towns and their rates have gone down, which he assumes is due to extra revenue sharing from the state which those towns probably incorporated into a tax rate reduction. He felt this was important since towns compete for business.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VOTE (227-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To enter into an Executive Session, pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405 (6) (C), to discuss Acquisition of Property, of which the premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive bargaining position of the City. Passed - Vote 6-0

Executive Session began at 8:15pm and ended at 8:58pm.

**VOTE (228-2019)**

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Marcotte:

To adjourn at 8:59 P.M. Passed - Vote 6-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC  
City Clerk  
Lewiston, Maine